MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*). I believe that is the idea.

Water supply for Alleppey.

75. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the important suggestions made by the Engineering Department regarding the water supply for Alleppey in case the report has been received by them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has made the following alternative suggestions regarding water supply for Alleppey:—

(1) To improve the Ennakad Reservoir situated near the 90th milestone of the Main Central Road and convey the water by a gravitation pipe line laid along the reclamation bund, across the Vembanad backwater proposed to be converted into the Kottayam-Alleppey road.

(2) To convey water from Kottayam through a gravitation pipe line laid along a road connecting Kottayam and Alleppey across the Vembanad backwater.

Purchase of cattle from outside the State.

76. MR. A. G. MENON (*Parur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware:

(i) that thousands of rupees are annually spent outside the State by the ryots of the northern taluks of the Kottayam Division for the purchase of cattle, especially bullocks and buffaloes used for agricultural purposes; and

(ii) that there are enough grazing facilities in these taluks for well-sized cattle farms?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to consider the desirability of establishing a cattle farm in a suitable place in the Kunnatnad taluk and to provide each taluk with a sufficient number of breeding bulls and buffaloes of good breed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) and (ii) Yes.

(*b*) The establishment of a cattle farm in North Travancore large enough to supply all the taluks in the Kottayam Division with a sufficient number of stud bulls and buffaloes of good breed, is a matter involving very heavy initial and recurring expenditure, and no definite answer can be given pending further careful consideration of the matter in all its aspects.

Mr. J. J. Daniel, Ag. District Superintendent of Police.

77. MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the position and status of Mr. J. J. Daniel, Ag District Superintendent of Police in charge;

(*b*) whether he is allowed to issue orders to the other District Superintendents of Police and to dispose of appeals on their decisions;

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(*c*) why the senior District Superintendent of Police or some other officer of equal status is not put in to act for the Police Commissioner till the permanent incumbent takes charge ; and

(*d*) whether there have been any other instances in which such vacancies in high offices were not filled up for long ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the discussion that ensued on motion No. 208 under "Demand XI—Police" [*Vide* Council Proceedings Vol. XIII—No. 8].

(*c*) Mr. Pitt wanted to avail himself of the leave at short notice and it was not possible to make other arrangements for his relief in time without serious dislocation of District work. Further, the new Commissioner was expected to arrive very soon.

(*d*) The question is vague.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : This question was sent up to be answered last time and hence the seeming anomaly.

Industrial Loans.

78. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of persons in each taluk to whom industrial loans have been granted during the years 1100, 1101 and 1102 ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 2, by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai on the subject at the meeting of the Council held on the 31st July, 1928. [Page 8 of the printed Proceedings, Vol. XIII—No. 2.]

Resolutions passed at the Police Conference.

79. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the resolutions passed at the Police Conference lately held in Trivandrum ?

(*b*) Are the resolutions of the said conference in any way binding on the policy of the Government ?

(*c*) Is it a fact that they are advocating an increase of pay to constables ?

(*d*) Have they considered the necessity for eliminating the grade of Assistant Superintendents of Police ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) to (*d*) The Police Conference in question was only a conference of the new Commissioner of Police with his District Superintendents for a preliminary survey and discussion of departmental matters pertaining mainly to its internal administration. The proceedings of the conference are confidential and cannot, therefore, be laid on the table as desired by the member.

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